

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

JUNE 13, 2013 MINUTES

Member Emil Wilson called to order the June 13, 2013 meeting at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held at Caseyville Township Hall.

PRESENT

Beverly Sweatman, Member
Emil Wilson, Member
Thomas Cannady, Chairperson
David Bollone, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Michael J. Pintar, Coordinator

ABSENT

Karen Kelly, Member
Margaret Merrell, Member
Carol Neudecker, Member
Dr. Marguerite Riley, Recording Secretary

GUESTS

Mike Olson, Park haven Nursing Home

INTRODUCTIONS

Thomas Cannady recognized that a quorum was not present.

The Coordinator read the confidentiality statement that indicates that personally identifiable information should not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Chairperson Thomas Cannady asked for changes in the agenda. The Coordinator asked that case 13-070-9015 be moved from report of findings to unfinished business.

Upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Emil Wilson, the HRA went into closed session at 7:05. At 7:20 upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Thomas Cannady, members agreed to return to open session.

MINUTES

The members reviewed the stated minutes of the May 2013 HRA meeting and considered them for approval. Members present agreed to approve the minutes with suggested corrections based on a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Thomas Cannady.

COMMUNICATIONS: Members discussed the upcoming Illinois Guardianship training.

NEW BUSINESS:

13-070-9034 - a consumer left a state operated facility more than six months ago. Two months ago a social worker from that facility called the consumer to say that they had his property and would be contacting him again soon to deliver all items. Since that time the consumer hasn't heard a word from the Social Worker. He called the Social Worker and the facility Director and asked them to return call and no one will respond to him. The

consumer has a list of all property that includes 100 DVDs, an Xbox and 50 games, office chair, and two MP3 players and two pair of Sony headphones.

Upon a motion by Dr. Marguerite Riley, seconded by Carol Neudecker, members voted to investigate the allegation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 721 of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act, upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Dave Bollone, the Authority went into closed session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss case progress and reports of findings.

Case Progress Reports:

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

13-070-9020 - Alton Mental Health Center - cancel meetings, denied razor

13-070-9021 - Willow Rose - deny visitation

13-070-9025- Touchette Hospital - medication treatment plan, discharge

13-070-9028 - Alton Mental Health Center - radio

13-070-9029 - Alton Mental Health Center - 20 patients - one telephone

13-070-9030 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges

13-070-9031 - Alton Mental Health Center - safety

13-070-9032 - Midwest Rehabilitation - medication

13-070-9033 - Alton Mental Health Center -unimpeded communication

B. Reports of Findings:

13-070-9010 - Madison County Housing - eviction.

13-070-9027 - Alton Mental Health Center -vegetarian diet

C. Case Closures:

13-070-9002 - Alton Mental Health Center - rights posted

13-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - dental services.

13-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - least restrictive setting

13-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - will not allow ink pens or pencils -

13-070-9012 - Alton Mental Health Center - blankets (personal property)

13-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical and dental care

13-070-9015 - Park Haven - record review & medication

13-070-9026 - Alton Mental Health Center - pencils

The HRA returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. upon a motion by Emil Wilson, seconded by Beverly Sweatman.

Upon returning to open session:

13-070-9010 - Madison County Housing - eviction notice: Upon a motion by Dave Bollone, seconded by Emil Wilson, members voted to accept the report pending Administrative approval.

The members present, based on a motion by Beverly Sweatman seconded by Dave Bollone. Members voted to accept report 13-070-9027 - Alton Mental Health Center - pending Administrative approval.

Case Closures:

13-070-9002 - Alton Mental Health Center - rights posted - this case was recommended for closure after an investigative team noted that each unit had rights posted. Upon a motion by Dave Bollone, seconded by Emil Wilson, members voted for case closure.

13-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - dental services- Upon a motion by Dave Bollone, seconded by Emil Wilson, members voted for case closure.

13-070-9009 - Alton Mental Health Center - least restrictive setting consumer withdrew complaint.

13-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - will not allow ink pens or pencils - withdraw - pens and pencils allowed

13-070-9012 - Alton Mental Health Center - blankets (personal property) Upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Dave Bollone.

13-070-9013 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical and dental care

13-070-9015 - Park Haven - record review & medication. Upon a motion by Beverly Sweatman, seconded by Dave Bollone.

13-070-9026 - Alton Mental Health Center - pencils

Cases 13-070-9005; 13-070-9009; 13-070-9011; 13-070-9013; 13-070-9026 cases were all withdrawn by complainants who stated that the cases were remedied after HRA notified the

Center of complaints. Upon a motion by Emil Wilson seconded by Dave Bollone members voted to closing the cases.

Theses closures will require ratification by a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

The next meeting will be August 15, 2013 at Thomas Cannady's offices

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Marguerite Riley, Recording Secretary